



Response Under 37 CFR 1.116
Expedited Procedure
Examining Group 1625

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PATENT APPLICATION

Applicants : Michael R. Hale et al.
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For : INHIBITORS OF ASPARTYL PROTEASE
Group Art Unit : 1625
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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.116

Sir:

This is in response to the March 12, 2007 final Office Action in the above-identified application. Applicants submit concurrently herewith a Petition and fee under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.136 and 1.17(a)(3) to extend the time for replying for a period of three (3) months up to and including September 12, 2007. This response is therefore timely filed.

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